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CORRESPONDING METHOD**

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 19, 22, and 23 as follows:

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19. *(Twice Amended)* Method according to claim 17 [1], wherein said protected part of said memory is a first part, and said memory further comprises a second part into which data can be written, where the program routine from said protected part executed by said processor upon start-up comprises checking for changes in at least a part of the data contained in said second part.

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22. *(Twice Amended)* Method according to claim 17, wherein said memory comprises a plurality of memory devices, one of which comprises said protected part, and the rest of which are arranged such that data may be written into them.

23. *(Twice Amended)* Method according to claim 17, wherein said protected area is arranged such that a mechanism is provided such that after data is initially stored in said protected part, any subsequent writing of data into said protected part may be blocked.